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Eastport's Necessity.

The report of the terrible conflagration at Eastport, as given in the telegraphic columns of the *Wing* this morning, will appeal to the sympathy of our citizens generally. When once under way the devouring appetite of the fire seemed well nigh insatiable and the terrible work of destruction did not cease until a large portion of the once thriving town was nothing but a smouldering mass of ruins.

Building after building went down before the ever increasing volume of flame until every store but two, sixty private residences, the hotel, the custom house, post office, the bank, the two newspaper offices, and ten sardine factories were entirely consumed, involving at a rough estimate the enormous loss of half a million dollars. This is no time to moralize on the inadequacy of the fire department to contend with such a conflagration. The people of Eastport have been overwhelmed with disaster. Besides the great loss of property the burning of the sardine factories will throw at least two thousand persons who were dependent on the wages thus earned for their daily support out of employment, and, as the despatch states, such suffering must ensue unless immediate aid is rendered. This appeal from a neighboring town should not and will not go unanswered. The people of Maine will doubtless be prompt in expressing their substantial sympathy for our friends who are in need and Bangor should be among the first to respond. Mayor Nealey, quick to appreciate the urgency of the situation, has issued a call for a meeting of our business men this morning, at ten o'clock, in the Common Council Room, to take such action as may be deemed advisable and there will undoubtedly be a large attendance of our representative men. The notice is short, but that should only serve as an additional incentive to promptly meet the requirements of the case. Bangor is even ready to extend an aiding hand to the suffering and will cheerfully respond to this appeal.

The Situation at the State Colleges.

As the hazing case at the State College and its consequences have attracted considerable attention we have obtained a authoritative statement from the *Facult* concerning the situation as it exists to-day and publish the same in this morning's *Wing*. The position of the *Facult* is impregnable and will be firmly sustained by the friends of the college. Certain members of the sophomore class who were engaged in the hazing case were awarded such punishment as the best judgment of the *Facult* the offense demanded and far as we are able to learn no one of those implicated question the justice of the action of the officials of the college. But bright at this point the other students undertake to set their judgment in opposition to the *Facult* who very properly declined to relinquish the reins of government. No other course was open to them if the discipline and standing of the college is to be maintained, and their determination that the rights of every student shall be protected will at once command the respect of all sober minded people. Moreover we believe that the students themselves after having taken time to consider the real merits of the situation will realize the untenable position they have assumed and will cheerfully admit that they are in reality bound to obey the laws of the college as administered by the regularly chosen officials.

The New York *Sun* declares that Master Phelps has demonstrated his unfitness for his important position now holds and suggests his recall.

The Republican party has done more during the thirty years of its existence for labor and the laboring man than any other political organization here or elsewhere has done in a century, is the just verdict of ex-Governor Kirkwood, of Iowa.

The Republicans of New Jersey naturally feel encouraged by the gains made in the charter election at Newark, Tuesday. New Jersey this year offers good fighting ground for the Republicans and they are prepared for an aggressive campaign.

The new Democratic organ in Brooklyn remarks that political assessments are a necessity and that they are insisted upon now under this reform Administration just as much as ever. This is a little rough on the Mugwumps who have been shouting that political assessments were a thing of the past.

With two free trade candidates in the field in New York it behoves the Republicans to select as a candidate for Mayor one who represents the American rather than the British idea on the industrial question of the country. With a strong and popular candidate the Republicans can make the campaign a very interesting one.

The Democrats evidently see the handwriting on the wall and some of the members of the Congressional Committee admit that they do not expect more than from seven to fifteen majority in the next House. That is quite a drop from the present majority of forty, but the Republicans stand a good chance of wiping the Democratic majority out altogether.

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Mrs. Sarah E. Howe, who was released from prison about a year ago, after serving three years for swindling hundreds of people out of thousands of dollars by her notorious woman's bank, is again working her old game at Boston. A few months ago she and a colleague rented a large house, where they have again started the famous bank. It is run on the old system except that they take deposit no sum less than \$200 and promise seven per cent. interest a month instead of eight. To a woman from Kitley, that wanted to deposit \$200, Mrs. Howe said that she had all her old customers back again, and was doing a larger business than ever. She explained that they had no circulars or printed particulars to give visitors, and did not advertise in the newspapers. The patrons were all private customers and her cards were sufficient. The police have been informed that Mrs. Howe is at her old tricks, and are now at work on the matter. It is probable that within a week this swindler will again be lodged behind the bars.

The Safeguard of Business.

There ought to be no doubt of a Republican majority in the next National House of Representatives. There is every reason why there should be such majority, and the drift of political sentiment offers every encouragement to believe that the political complexion of the House will be changed by the elections three weeks hence. Among the party reasons for desiring this is that it would be a presage of Republican victory at the presidential election two years from now, and in view of the present condition of things such triumph is very much to be desired.

But there is an immediate reason for a change in the House which appeals to every business man and manufacturer, and to the workingmen. A Democratic House with a free trade speaker, and committees organized in the free trade interest, is a standing menace to the business and industrial interests of the whole country. In the last two Democratic Houses the free trade Democrats have made well planned assaults upon home industries by attempts to destroy the Republican protective tariff acts. That they have been defeated in a House having a Democratic majority is due to the fact that a few Democrats representing manufacturing districts are united with the practically solid body of Republican members.

This, however, is an uncertain reliance. Democratic party discipline which compels the few tariff Democrats to vote for a free trade speaker, and yield to the free trade organization of committees, may ultimately succeed in combating a measure relatively ruinous to a large number of industries in this country which have prospered under the wise legislation of the Republican party, and which in turn have been able to employ and protect hundreds of thousands of workingmen who would otherwise find nothing to do. Democratic party discipline has always been very strong, and the interests of manufacturers and workingmen, which in this matter are identical, cannot be entrusted to Democratic free traders.

It is no argument in behalf of indifference to this issue to say that a Republican Senate would save protection. Unquestionably the Senate would do so, but it is the disturbance to business and the general depression which the agitation of the question produces that the country needs to be saved from. During nearly every session of Congress now business is adversely affected by the threatening free trade measures urged by the majority of Democrats, and no one doubts that such measures will continue to be urged as long as the Democrats have a majority in either branch of Congress.

The Republicans party owe it to itself and the country to remove this menace to business and industry. It can be done by the election of a Republican majority to the next House. That will be a complete assurance that there will not be a free trade speaker nor a free trade organization of the committees, and it will also be a notice to the country that there will be no agitation in behalf of free trade to depress business and halt the progress of industry. That is what the country wants.

New Books.

ALL THAT & Rigging the Boat, by "Oliver Optic," is the fifth volume of the "Boat Builder Series," of which one more volume remains to be issued. The characters represented have appeared in the previous volumes, and this will be read as eagerly by the boys as those which have preceded it. Price \$1.25.

A BOSTON GIRL'S AMBITION, by Virginia F. Townsend, is a story for girls by one of our most popular authors, and is written in the same pleasing style that characterizes all of her writings. Price \$1.50.

DORA is a charmingly illustrated, elegantly printed and beautifully bound volume of Tennyson's popular poem that will make a superb holiday present. Price \$1.50.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, by Lee & Shepard, Boston, and Charles T. Dillingham, New York, and are for sale by Charles Hight.

Special Notices.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 20,

DWELLEY & CO.,

OPENING!

T. H. COOMBS

Will be prepared to show

Fall and Winter Millinery,

on and after

Wednesday, October 20th.

REGULAR HOURS.

CECILIA CLUB.

The regular Recitals will commence at

City Hall, Monday Evening, Oct. 20th,

and continue on Monday evenings through the season.

Membership tickets for those taking part in the club will be sold Monday evening, Oct. 20th, and after the Recital by Mr. J. L. W. Cleveland, President, or with either of the Committee members.

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JOHN L. CROSBY, Collector.

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EASTPORT'S LOSS - a billion dollars.

One Hundred Families Homeless
and Many People Sleep in
the Streets.

Sixty-two Dwellings, One Hundred
and Thirty Stores and Offices,
Eight Factories,

Four Hotels, Two Banks, Custom
House, Post Office and Seven-
teen Warehouses Burned.

Detailed List of the
Sufferers.CALAIS AND ST. STEPHEN
OFFER PROMPT AID.

Let the Whole State Generously
Respond.

EASTPORT, Oct. 15. The fire which
broke out at 2 a.m. yesterday raged fur-
iously for ten hours, defying all efforts
to control or extinguish it.

The fire started in Caven & McLean's
sardine factory, swept in a northerly di-
rection along the water front and through
the streets, burning ten sardine factories,
both the hotels, some 30 dwelling houses,
the custom house and post office, every
place of business where goods of any de-
scription were kept for sale except two
scull grocers' stores which were out of
the path of the fire.

The Losses half a million.

It is impossible at this time to take an
exact account of the losses sustained or
the insurance. The total loss is estimated
at some number, at least half a million
dol- lars, fully covered by insurance, ex-
cept the sardine factories, which could
not procure insurance. Telegraphic com-
munication was cut off at four P.M. and
is just reopened at 9 A.M. this morning.
Will give particulars of losses as soon as
possible. The sardine factories burned
without employment to at least two thousand
persons who are thus deprived of the
means of support. Much suffering must
ensue unless immediate aid is rendered.
Contributions can be safely forwarded to
Hon. W. N. Nutt, collector of customs.

Opposite to Eastport Detailed Losses.

It is raining heavily now and the fire is
extinguished. It is impossible to get the
details of each loss. The owners them-
selves cannot give it, and all insurance
agents, brokers, insurance brokers are also
destituted with contents and many insur-
ance policies. The aggregate loss is esti-
mated by the chief engineer of the fire
department and insurance agents at half a
million. The Pass-a-granary Hotel,
Maine House, Frontier House and Ameri-
can House are ruined. The Savings
Bank, Knights National Bank and Custom
House, all brick buildings are totally de-
stroyed. The Federer Bank was supposed
to be hit prof. The Custom House,
Post Office, and United States signal re-
ceivers and books are burned. Probably got
three new papers, the Standard and
Sentinel were burned. Two or three
weeks ago the Standard had an article
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